



# VolunteerBloomington!

**QUOTE OF THE WEEK:** "Opportunity is missed by most people because it is dressed in overalls and looks like work." ~ Thomas Edison

March 25, 2015

## PALS Volunteer Training – April 18

People and Animal Learning Services (PALS) is offering a volunteer training from 1-4 p.m. on April 18 for those interested in PALS therapeutic equine programs. The next training will be offered on May 9. Volunteers participate weekly, with responsibilities including leading horses or side-walking riders. Volunteers work closely with PALS clients and help groom, saddle, train, care for horses and help with barn chores. No horse experience necessary! Most volunteer shifts are between 11 a.m. and 8 p.m., Mon. through Thurs. Minimum age 16. Please contact Jennylynn Vidas at (812) 336-2798 ext. 15 or [jennylynn@palstherapy.org](mailto:jennylynn@palstherapy.org). ([palstherapy.org/volunteer](http://palstherapy.org/volunteer))

## Clean Out 25 Years Worth of "Stuff" – April 11-18

I-GO Disaster Ministries is working to help a gentleman get a life and a home by cleaning out a lifetime of "stuff" from his yard, garage and house and they need a serious amount of volunteer power! Volunteers will pick up this material, put it in large trash cans, then take it to the on-site dumpster. All protective equipment will be provided, except that volunteers must wear waterproof boots. Empathy for this gentleman's situation is important! After completion, tornado damage from 2011 will be repaired and the home will be refurbished. Work will begin on Sat., April 11, continue through the week, and end on Sat. April 18. Individuals and groups of any size are welcome! Minimum age is 18. Please contact Susan Scales at (812) 219-5738 or [montysusan@yahoo.com](mailto:montysusan@yahoo.com). ([www.igorelief.org](http://www.igorelief.org))

## Handy Man or Woman

Stepping Stones provides individualized support for youth aged 16-20 experiencing homelessness. They provide a safe, service-enriched setting to break the cycles of poverty and homelessness. Stepping Stones is currently in need of an experienced volunteer with general household maintenance experience to assist with the five apartments they operate. These require regular maintenance that is not covered by the apartment complex, such as light bathroom repair, dishwasher maintenance, spackling, and installing window screens. Training is not required since this person will not have contact with residents. A commitment of at least six months is requested. Minimum age is 21. Please contact Alysia Fornal at (812) 339-9771 or [afornal@steppingstones-inc.org](mailto:afornal@steppingstones-inc.org). ([www.steppingstones-inc.org/involved.html](http://www.steppingstones-inc.org/involved.html))

## Furniture Pickup and Distribution

Each Saturday morning, except holidays, the St. Vincent De Paul Society distributes furniture from their warehouse to those in need. Volunteers are needed from 8:30-10:30 a.m. to help with distribution or delivery. Volunteers are also needed for furniture pickups during the week. People are welcome to volunteer once a year, twice a week, or anything in between, and should be able to lift and move furniture and appliances or have a pickup truck. Minimum age is 18. Please contact Donald Van Arman at (812) 361-3344 or [donald@vanarman.com](mailto:donald@vanarman.com). ([www.bloomingtonsydp.org](http://www.bloomingtonsydp.org))

## Social Media and Marketing Coordinator

Team First Book will be celebrating five years of service in Monroe County and is seeking an enthusiastic volunteer to assist with planning, implementing, and promoting a variety of special projects. These will include service events, such as reading to children, and designing a fun social media event involving the community. Volunteer will create communication materials for both new and traditional media. Minimum age is 20. Please contact Akola Krishnan at (812) 322-7918 or [monroecounty\\_in@firstbook.org](mailto:monroecounty_in@firstbook.org). ([www.firstbook.org/MonroeCounty](http://www.firstbook.org/MonroeCounty))

## Community Wish List Spotlight

### Writing for a Change

An arts-education nonprofit organization focusing on the process of writing to promote personal growth, leadership, deepening creativity, and healthy community building. To grant a wish, contact Amy Lisa Cornell at [acornell@indiana.edu](mailto:acornell@indiana.edu) or (812) 325-8427. ([www.wfacfb.org](http://www.wfacfb.org))

**Wishes:** origami paper, blank greeting cards, craft supplies (all types), laptop computer, composition notebooks (with no staples or spiral binding), Number 2 pencils

*Use the Community Wish List to start a drive within your school, faith community or other group or take the list along shopping and add a few extra items to your cart. It WILL make a difference to those served by this organization.*

*The City of Bloomington Volunteer Network is your source for information about volunteering locally. For a complete listing, visit [bloomington.in.gov/volunteer](http://bloomington.in.gov/volunteer) or call 349-3433. The inclusion of an organization in this list does not imply City endorsement or support of the organization's activities or policies.*

